



Education Office of the Embassy of Spain

# ISA Newsletter



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## Welcome to our new monthly issue of the ISA newsletter!

The Education Office of the Embassy of Spain and the ISA program are very excited to launch issue number 12 of the ISA Newsletter. We aim to inform you about the activities other schools in the network are carrying out, as well as showcasing the most relevant events organized by the Education Office. We also hope it inspires you to continue the wonderful work you've already been doing. Enjoy it!

La Consejería de Educación de la Embajada de España y el programa ISA están encantados con la publicación del boletín de noticias número 12. El objetivo de este boletín es dar a conocer aquellas actividades que los centros de la red están realizando, así como mostrar las actividades organizadas por la Consejería de Educación. Esperamos que sirva como inspiración para que sigáis haciendo la magnífica labor que lleváis años realizando. Esperamos que lo disfrutéis.



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## County Hispanic Heritage and Cultural Tour visits John I. Leonard High School (Greenacres, Florida)

John I. Leonard High School kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month 2025 by proudly hosting the Palm Beach County Cultural Bus Tour for local Hispanic community leaders.



As the only International Spanish Academy at the high school level in the District of Palm Beach County, we were honored to be the first stop for these influential guests. Students took the lead, giving presentations showcasing our school's rich academic and cultural tapestry.

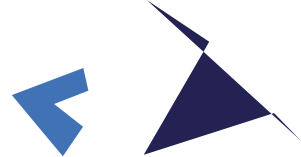
They highlighted the achievements within our various academies, which are preparing students to excel in high-demand fields like Computer Technology, Medical, Culinary Arts, Fashion Design, Finance, and International Spanish Academy. Our students demonstrated how their innovative programs contribute to the future workforce and the community. Students also shared their artistic, musical, and vocal talents, adding a vibrant cultural dimension to the event. Additionally, a representative from Latinos in Action shared details about their significant contributions to the community.



The tour provided a fantastic opportunity to share our remarkable achievements and demonstrate the power of our programs. We proudly informed the community leaders that John I. Leonard High School is a strong "B" rated school and boasts an impressive 96% graduation rate. Our commitment to rigorous academics is further proven by offering 21 AICE courses, 11 Advanced Placement courses, and 26 Industry Certifications. This event reinforced our role as a vital center of academic excellence and cultural leadership within Palm Beach County.

Video: [Hispanic Heritage and Cultural Tour](#)





## Hawk Helpers in Action! Barbieri ES (Framingham, Massachusetts)

At Barbieri ES we have a group of 5th grade leaders, the Hawk Helpers, who help to improve our school culture. This includes planning community meetings, making morning announcements, helping in Kindergarten specials classes as well as weekly meetings with the social emotional behavior coach and school principal. In addition, our Hawk Helpers help the Framingham Community.

These dedicated volunteers played a key role in supporting Project Dash, helping deliver essential groceries to families in our community. Through this collaboration with Greater Framingham Community Church (GFCC), the United Way, DoorDash, and our Framingham Public School Family Support Coordinators, our Hawk Helpers are showing what it means to lead with heart and service. Together, we're making a real difference, one delivery at a time!

Emily Rubin, Social Emotional Behavioral Coach at Barbieri School

Yesenia Gaudet, Family Support Coordinator at Barbieri School



## ¡Viaje cultural por las tradiciones españolas! El Camino Real (Santa Fe, NM)

Los pasillos se llenan de cultura y tradición en la ISA *El Camino Real Academy*, de Santa Fe, NM gracias a la profesora visitante Lucía Alexandre. Con su proyecto cultural para el Día de los Santos, los estudiantes están conociendo de primera mano la rica diversidad de tradiciones españolas como la representación de Don Juan Tenorio, la ancestral celebración gallega del Samaín, la dulce tradición extremeña de la Chaquetía, o la festividad vasca del Gaztañarre Eguna.



Una inmersión única en el patrimonio cultural hispano que enriquece la experiencia educativa de toda la comunidad en la ISA El Camino Real en Santa Fe, NM.





## Gunston Middle School (Arlington, Virginia)



Damos la enhorabuena a la auxiliar de conversación Alejandra Rodríguez y al centro ISA Gunston MS por la realización del vídeo ganador del II Premio Experiencia Auxiliar de Conversación en EE. UU. y Canadá 2024-25, en que los

auxiliares de conversación describen su experiencia en su centro educativo y en la comunidad en que se integran:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aky9ixZDQqw>

We encourage all educational centers in the ISA network to learn about and take part in the Spanish Language Assistant Program. For more information, please check this [link](#).

## ¡Los más pequeños celebran la riqueza hispana en Arizona! International School of Arizona (Scottsdale, AZ)

Con motivo del mes de la Herencia Hispana, los estudiantes de *kindergarten* de la ISA *International School of Arizona*, en Scottsdale, AZ han explorado la diversidad cultural a través de actividades creativas que honran las tradiciones, la lengua y la herencia de los países hispanohablantes.

En nuestra red ISA siempre nos enorgullece reforzar el compromiso con el aprendizaje creativo y la educación multicultural. ¡Feliz mes de la Hispanidad!





## Helms Elementary School (Houston ISD, TX)

Helms Elementary Hispanic Heritage Festival and is a cherished annual tradition held each year during Hispanic Heritage Month. Hosted by the Helms Parent Teacher Association (PTA) since 2018, the event marked its 8th celebration on September 26, 2025!



At our festival, we proudly celebrate Hispanic culture in many vibrant ways. Guests enjoy freshly prepared food, refreshing drinks, lively music, and captivating performances. Families can join friendly soccer matches, explore beautiful art displays, and shop at our festive market—filled with local and Helms family-owned businesses showcasing unique products and services.

The Helms PTA is honored to continue this beloved tradition that highlights cultural pride, embraces diversity, and strengthens our sense of community. Here's to many more years of celebrating together—¡Salud to our heritage and unity!



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